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TAGS: EAIR, OCLR, IR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BELL HELICOPTER--WORLD AIRWAYS

CONTRACT

REF : TEHRAN 6786

1. WORLD AIRWAYS WAS INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL.
WORLD ADVISED US THAT THEIR MARKETING OFFICE SENT CABLES
BEFORE THEIR OPERATIONS OFFICE HAD FILED FOR CLEARANCES.
NEED FOR EARLY NOTICE ON CLEARANCES IS RELATED TO NATURE

OF CONTRACT WHICH CALLS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF
60 PEOPLE (BELL EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES) AND SHIPMENT
OF THEIR EFFECTS AND HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE GEAR ON ONE
AIRCRAFT FROM DALLAS-FORT WORTH TO TEHRAN.

2. WORLD ADVISED DEPT THAT IRANIAN DGCA HAS DISAPPROVED
CLEARANCE APPLICATION. DEPT UNDERSTANDS FROM WORLD'S
TEHRAN LEGAL REP, AGHAYAN THAT IRAN DGCA HAS ADOPTED
POSITION THAT SINCE IRAN AIR AND PAA EACH HAVE
TWICE-WEEKLY ALL-CARGO SERVICE TO TEHRAN, IT WILL

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DISAPPROVE NONSCHEDULED FLIGHTS EVEN WHERE THE CARRIER

IS WILLING TO PAY "NO OBJECTION FEE". THIS WOULD CLEARLY
REPRESENT A TOUGHENING OF IRANIAN POLICY VIS-A-VIS

NONSCHEDULED OPERATIONS BY CHARTER SPECIALISTS.

3. CIVAIR ATTACHE SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOI
OFFICIALS AND URGE THEIR SUPPORT FOR WORLD CLEARANCE
STRESSING FOLLOWING:

(A) BELL CONTRACT WITH GOI IS BEING IMPEDED BY IRAN AIR
POSTURE WHICH WOULD MOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN HIGHER COSTS
FOR TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPMENT OF CONTRACT EMPLOYEES AND
THEIR EFFECTS;

(B) INFLEXIBLE IRANIAN POSITION HERE INCONSISTENT WITH
OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GOI WAS REVIEWING ENTIRE MATTER
OF "NO OBJECTION" FEES AND GOI POLICIES VIS-A-VIS
U.S. CHARTER CARRIERS; AND

(C) GOI POLICIES IN THIS AREA THREATEN TO JEOPARDIZE
ON-ROUTE AND OFF-ROUTE CHARTER AUTHORITY OF IRAN AIR IN
U.S. SINCE WORLD OR OTHER AGGRIEVED U.S. CHARTER
CARRIER MIGHT FILE FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH CAB TO
RETALIATE AGAINST IRAN AIR.

4. DEPT IS SEEKING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION FROM
WORLD AND CAB WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL TO POST. WE ARE

PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT APPLICABILITY OF "FLY
U.S. FLAG" REQUIREMENTS IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES
AND WHETHER PAA OR IRAN AIR HAVE PRESENT CAPACITY
TO SERVICE BELL CONTRACT. KISSINGER

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